

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: QWEST CORPORATION, f/k/a U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	DOCKET NO. TF-01-286 (RPU-98-4)
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**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION AND ADMISSION OF OUT-OF-STATE
ATTORNEY TO APPEAR**

(Issued November 8, 2001)

On September 17, 2001, Qwest Corporation, f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc. (Qwest), filed a proposed tariff with the Utilities Board (Board) designed to reduce certain rates to comply with Qwest's price regulation plan. To accomplish the majority of the decrease, Qwest proposes to reduce originating and terminating common carrier line access service in a total amount necessary to produce a 0.53 percent decrease in year-two basic communications services revenues. The tariff filing has been identified as Docket No. TF-01-286.

On October 18, 2001, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order docketing the proposed tariff and setting a procedural schedule. In that procedural schedule, the Board established November 2, 2001, as the date for interested persons to file for intervention. On November 5, 2001, Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (Sprint), filed a petition for late intervention and an application for admission of an out-of-state attorney to appear before the Board.

Sprint filed the petition to intervene in this proceeding pursuant to the provisions of 199 IAC 7.2(7) and 7.2(8). Sprint states in support of its petition that it is a telecommunications utility offering interexchange telecommunications services on both an interstate and intrastate basis in Iowa. Sprint asserts that it has a substantial and direct interest in this proceeding that is unique and requires representation in addition to those of the existing parties. Sprint requests that it be found to meet the standards of 199 IAC 7.2(7)"d"(1) and be granted "intervention of right, with unrestricted rights to participate as a party as its interest appear." If it is not granted an "intervention of right," Sprint requests that it be granted "permissive intervention" under the provisions of 199 IAC 7.2(7)"d"(2). Sprint also contends that even though the petition for intervention is filed beyond the time established for filing, the delay is only minimal and no party will be prejudiced by granting the intervention.

The Board will grant Sprint permissive intervention under the provisions of 199 IAC 7.2(7)"d"(2). The Board finds that Sprint has a specific interest in this proceeding that is not represented by other parties and the decision may affect Sprint's interests in future proceedings. Additionally, the Board finds that no party will be prejudiced by the delay in filing the petition.

Sprint in its pleading also requested that Julie Thomas Bowles be permitted to represent Sprint in this docket. Sprint indicates that Ms. Bowles is a member in good standing of the Kansas Bar and provided the written appearance of an attorney licensed to practice law in Iowa.

The Board finds that Sprint has met the conditions required by 199 IAC 7.2(7)"e" and Julie Thomas Bowles may appear in this proceeding on behalf of Sprint.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The petition to intervene filed on November 5, 2001, by Sprint Communications Company, L.P., is granted pursuant to the provisions of 199 IAC 7.2(7)"d"(2).

2. Julie Thomas Bowles may appear as counsel for Sprint Communications Company, L.P., in this docket.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 8th day of November, 2001.